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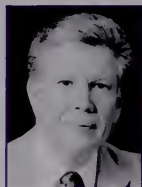


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Research at NSU



**Dr. Randall J. Webb, President**  
Northwestern State University

Dear Alumni:

I have shared with you in past letters some of the things we are doing at Northwestern to prepare for the future.

In the years to come, technology will change the way education is delivered. I do not believe the Internet will make college campuses obsolete, but we cannot sit back and deny that the environment will change. The future provides us

with both a challenge and an opportunity.

Northwestern is taking a leadership role among Louisiana institutions in providing classes by compressed video, desktop technology and the Internet. In the spring semester, we are offering 59 classes electronically to more than 2,000 students, some of whom would not be able to take classes otherwise.

Beginning this fall, we plan to offer our associate degree program in criminal justice completely electronically. The criminal justice program has been successful for us, filling a vital need in this area and should continue to grow.

We are also seeking to expand existing programs by working with University of Louisiana System President Bobby Jindal. Northwestern officials and Mr. Jindal recently met with representatives of Central Texas College and with Brig. Gen. Charles Swannack Jr., the new commanding officer at Fort Polk. During the meeting, we discussed establishing a partnership with CTC to expand academic degree offerings at military bases worldwide. CTC is already established on many military posts but only offers two-year certification and degree programs.

Mr. Jindal and members of Northwestern's administration and faculty also met with officials from Alliance Compressors, a scroll compressor manufacturing plant located in Natchitoches. Through a unique partnership, Northwestern provides on-site workforce development through certification programs specifically geared toward Alliance employees.

From this meeting, we hope Northwestern can provide training to employees at plants run by other companies who are part of the Alliance partnership around the country.

I have always felt that Northwestern has the best faculty and staff anywhere. By using technology effectively, I believe our people will give Northwestern a national and international presence that will help the university grow and make all of us who care about this institution proud.

**Chris Maggio, Director**  
Alumni Affairs



Fellow Northwestern Graduates and Friends:

Springtime is here and as I walk around campus, I realize how lucky I am to be associated with Northwestern State University. The beauty of our campus and the friendliness of our students, faculty and alumni continue to be some of our greatest strengths. I know each of you can reflect back to your time on campus with some fond memories of this time of year.

This spring and summer will be a busy time for your Alumni Association. We will host over 20 events throughout the state and region spreading the good news about your alma mater. We have receptions, dinners, and of course, Louisiana's favorite tradition...Crawfish Boils planned. Also, we will again team up with the Office of Admissions and Recruiting to host receptions in the homes of our alumni so that we can recognize over 700 scholarship recipients for the 2000-2001 school year. These receptions were so popular last year that we have doubled the number that we are hosting this year. I want to thank all of our alumni who have opened up their homes for these regional receptions!

We also look forward to our Golden Jubilee Celebration on May 5 and 6. This is when we will recognize our alumni from the 1950 graduating class. We have two days of activities planned for this special group. You will notice in the magazine that we are looking for some "lost" graduates from that class. If you can connect us to any of these missing people, please call us as soon as possible and we will forward them some information.

Finally, I want to again thank the many alumni who have supported the Alumni Association throughout this year. We have been very excited with the response to our annual fund drive and our phone-a-thon late last fall. As always, if you know of someone who is not receiving the Alumni Columns magazine, please give me a call or e-mail and I will make sure we get him or her on our database.

I hope to see you soon!

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## Discovering and understanding: Keys to scientific research at Northwestern

*Many people get a confused look on their face when they hear that people are "calibrating a particle accelerator," but when a pot is more resistant to stuck-on foods and rusting, or the lead content of an artifact from an historic site is dated, a particle accelerator has been calibrated and used in the process.*

People may also wonder how improving the "defraction efficiencies" of certain crystals would benefit them, but when their CD drive works more efficiently, they will appreciate the fact that someone has made that a possibility.

Several undergraduate students and recent graduates of Northwestern State University's Department of Chemistry and Physics are working to make those scientific processes a reality, and they have learned to explain them so that others can understand the benefits of those processes.

For example, Scott Dodd, a junior physics major from Kinder, is working on determining the location of electric current in various shaped resistors. How might that benefit mankind? Dodd says the research could be used to help describe why light bulbs burn out.

And Matt Creighton, a senior physics major from Natchitoches, said he has created a few new compounds which "may aid in making better semiconductors."

Even though the department is relatively small, with just over 50 majors, the number of physics graduates is growing, said Dr. Gary White, associate professor of physics and coordinator for the department. Ten years ago, Northwestern averaged less than one physics graduate every five years. This year, NSU's physics program should graduate six physics majors — more than three-fourths of the undergraduate physics programs nationwide.

***"We want our students to be well prepared for work in a science-related field or to continue their education. And the amount of time our students spend doing their research gives them that preparation and understanding?"***

—Dr. Gary White, associate professor of physics

The department is now producing more physics graduates than other undergraduate only programs in the state and as many physics graduates as those programs with graduate degrees. In contrast, the national average has decreased about 17 percent over the past 10 years, White said, with the total number of physics graduates at a 40-year low.

Some bigger universities have the resources with which to buy more equipment for their physical science laboratories, but that is not the key, according to a few of the physics students at Northwestern.

"What we have, we make it work," said Kristen Russell, a senior physics and mathematics major from Morgan City, "and we completely understand it."

Ben Williams of Natchitoches agrees. "There are advantages everywhere, ours is time — the time we spend doing actual research and the time our professors spend helping us understand what we're doing and why."





Interest in the sciences at Northwestern has increased over the past 10 years, due largely to the inception of the JOVE Project, White said. JOVE is a joint venture between universities and NASA and provides a unique opportunity for students to engage in real research at an undergraduate level, which is virtually unheard of at many colleges and universities.

And the students are doing some amazing things — several of the physics students spent last summer working on research throughout the country, and one chemistry student has created a few new compounds which may someday be used to make better semiconductors.

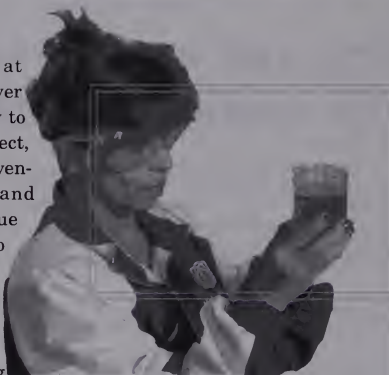
Three of the students, Russell, Dodd and Marcie Kimball, participated in the Research Experiences for Undergraduates program this past summer, which is funded through the National Science Foundation.

Russell worked on crystal formation in Seattle at the University of Washington. Kimball and Dodd, both senior physics majors from Plaquemine and Kinder respectively, studied solid state physics at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York.

Two other physics majors, Shelly Hynes, a senior from Natchitoches, and Bob Trull, a junior from Leesville, worked as research assistants at the Acadiana Research Laboratory in Lafayette, calibrating the optics for a newly installed microprobe system.

In recent years, more than a dozen students from the Department of Chemistry and Physics have received REU positions or similar positions at various locations across the nation, including Rice University, Argonne National Laboratory in Chicago and University of Alabama.

The departmental faculty are also very active in research. Dr. Kelly



***“Undergraduate research is a great opportunity—our faculty make sure that we understand what we’re doing and why.”***

—Ben Williams, senior physics major from Natchitoches.

## Chemistry scholarship established

A \$50,000 endowed scholarship for chemistry majors has been established by Charles and Dorothy Monday of Corpus Christi, Texas. Mr. Monday is a 1936 graduate of State Normal College and a retired executive with Amoco.

Monday was a student of Dr. Joe Webb, a chemistry faculty major whose son, Dr. Randall J. Webb, is now Northwestern's president. While he was a student, Monday worked in the library and in the chemistry lab. He spent his senior year as Dr. Joe Webb's lab assistant.

“We thought this scholarship could show strong support for public education,” said Monday. “I hope this will make it easier for students to obtain an education.” Criteria for the scholarship will be established.

Knowlton, associate professor of physics, was awarded a NASA Summer Faculty Research Award last summer and worked at Stennis Space Center in Mississippi. His work involved using radar to study changes in surface features of the earth as well as archaeological sites such as Los Adaes State Commemorative Area near Robeline.

Dr. Martin Rudd, assistant professor of chemistry, was awarded his second summer visiting research position at the U.S. Department of Energy Laboratory at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. His research involved synthesis of organo-metallic molybdenum complexes to be used in controlling the speed of certain chemical reactions.

White worked with the NSU students at the particle accelerator facility at ARL in Lafayette. He presented this work at the summer meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers in San Antonio, Texas, in a session devoted to involving undergraduates in research.

Being able to create something or discover an unknown gives these students a great feeling of accomplishment.

“The physical sciences and mathematics have always been considered hard,” Rudd said. “It takes a lot of dedication to get a physical science degree.”

“It's not as hard as many young people think it is,” said Greg O'Quinn, a senior Louisiana Scholars' College student from Sulphur. “It just takes time to understand. And while I'm young and still want to do all these things, I hope I can generate some interest among younger people.”

“A lot of people are intimidated by science,” said Ben Williams, a senior physics major from Natchitoches. “Undergraduate research is a great opportunity—our faculty make sure that we understand what we're doing and why.”

Generating interest in the sciences was also one of the aims of the recent "Psi2K: A Celebration of Science," which the department held in conjunction with the regional meeting of the Society of Physics Students, a national organization for which



White serves as president and Russell serves as associate zone council member for Zone 10.

During Psi2K, speakers from NASA, the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory in Livingston and many other scientists made presentations and made hands-on presentations.

Russell also led a discussion session during the American Physical Society's 100th anniversary meeting last year in Atlanta. The society's two annual meetings were combined into one, with an estimated 10,000 physicists in attendance. Russell was the only undergraduate to lead a large group session during the meeting. Several other Northwestern students were showcased during four Society of Physics Students sessions.

For those recent graduates of the program, White said the possibilities are almost endless. Several recent graduates are now attending graduate school, but others are already putting their education to work. Seth LeGrand is working at Brookhaven National Lab in Upton, N.Y., and Brad Boyd is working for Raytheon/Hughes in Washington, D.C.

"We want our students to be well prepared for work in a science-related field or to continue their education," White said. "And the amount of time our students spend doing their research gives them that preparation and understanding." III

## Scholarship is established to honor Webster Parish educator

Northwestern State University is honoring one of its distinguished alumni with the establishment of the Honorable Everett G. Doerge Scholarship.

Doerge, a Northwestern alumnus, was a long-time Webster Parish educator and member of the Louisiana House of Representative for seven years. He died in May 1998.

The establishment of the scholarship was initiated by many of Doerge's former colleagues in the Legislature and approved by the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors. Students enrolled in the College of Education will benefit from the scholarship.

"Everett Doerge was a tremendous friend and advocate for education throughout his career. I can think of no better way to honor him than by establishing a scholarship that will enable others to become educators," said Northwestern President Dr. Randall J. Webb. "It is my hope that those who benefit from this scholarship will seek to follow his example by becoming outstanding teachers and individuals

who work tirelessly to improve their communities."

Beginning this fall one freshman, one sophomore and one junior will receive the scholarship, and up to nine Northwestern students possibly being assisted by the 2002-2003 academic year. The scholarship is need based. Those receiving the scholarship must be enrolled in the College of Education or entering into the College of Education and have at least a 3.0 grade point average.

Doerge earned a bachelor's and master's degree at NSU and a doctorate at Louisiana State University. He was a teacher and coach at Minden High School from 1964 until 1974, principal at Lowe Middle School from 1976 until 1978, secondary education supervisor for the Webster Parish School Board from 1979 until 1984 and assistant superintendent of schools in Webster Parish from 1984 until 1992.

In 1991, Doerge was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives, serving on the House Education Committee. III

## Looking back through the Columns

The staff of the Alumni Columns thought our fellow alumni would be interested in taking a look back and remembering some of the events and highlights from the magazine's nearly 60 years of existence. It is in this edition that we begin "Looking Back," which includes excerpts from older editions of the Columns. We hope you will have as much fun reading them as we have gathering them.

In May 1938, to commemorate launching the magazine, the staff gave their reasons for naming the magazine "The Normal Alumni Columns" and updated alumni on many projects:

"Normal alumni are envisioning a greater Normal surrounded and supported by a more closely knit alumni group. ... The Normal Columns is to serve as a public mouthpiece of those other columns of brick and white stucco on the Normal campus, those mute yet eloquent witnesses to past educational achievement and grandeur, those silent monuments of scholastic traditions and ideals; those towering memorials of the best and noblest in public education in Louisiana.

"But ... the predominant aim of The Normal Alumni Columns is to maintain and promote a close and live relationship between the Normal College and its sons and daughters ... those human columns that dominate and safeguard in every corner of the state the mental and spiritual growth of our youth into real manhood and womanhood."

Still other tidbits from the first editions of the Alumni Columns included



the following:

"The new athletic field is being constructed on the south portion of the campus. Lying between two hills, the field is a natural bowl, and when completed will provide ... one of the most beautiful stadia in the nation."

"The Louisiana State Normal College during the year installed a broadcasting studio and broadcasts by remote control through station KALB in Alexandria. The station was installed through the untiring efforts of Professor Otis R. Crew. The broadcasting station here facilitates in promoting radio broadcasts among schools and civic organizations of the state."

And in conjunction with this spring's cover story about the Department of Chemistry and Physics, the following excerpts were taken from the December 1938 Alumni Columns:

"As this issue of the Columns goes to the press, the Science Building reminds us of the proverbial stuffed turkey of Thanksgiving. All of the halls and available rooms are stuffed to the ceiling with new equipment for the chemistry, physics, home economics and agriculture laboratories. ... Students will find a Christmas present — fine new laboratory apparatus — on their return after the holidays.

"The mere mention of Boyd Hall is sufficient to awaken long cherished memories in the hearts of countless men and women today throughout the state. Many have been the hands clapped to ears as the reports of the hydrogen gun rang through the corridors; many the sparks and crackles of static electricity which have emerged through the doors of the physics lecture room. ... Boyd Hall is now but a memory, and our work ... is carried on in the old training school building where conditions are much more satisfactory.

"The work offered in science today is such that the services of three teachers are required in biology, the members of the staff being Mr. H.L. Barr, Dr. Priscilla E. Hussey and Dr. Lauretta Fox. In chemistry, the work is being done by Mr. A.L. Ducournau and Mr. J.W. Webb, both being A.B. graduates of Normal. ... The work in physics is being done by a full-time teacher (F.G. Fournet) assisted by Mr. L.S. Miller, who is also a member of the mathematics staff."

## \$100,000 Baton Rouge area fund drive is scheduled

Ellis Coutee of Baton Rouge has been selected to head a Baton Rouge area fund-raising drive for the NSU Foundation at Northwestern State University. The drive is scheduled to begin later this year with the goal of raising \$100,000 for scholarships at NSU to benefit students from the Baton Rouge area.

"Volunteering is fun to me. I am constantly looking to do meaningful work with measurable results," said Coutee, who earned a bachelor's degree in business from Northwestern in 1960. "Assisting Northwestern State University in one of its first projects for the new millennium is a perfect opportunity for me to give something back to an institution that afforded and gave me so much."

An enrolled agent with 40 years experience, Coutee is a partner in the firm of Coutee and Coutee Tax Consultants. He has a general tax practice with emphasis in tax representations on audits, appeals, litigation and estate tax returns.

Last year, Coutee and his wife Juanita established an endowed scholarship at Northwestern.

"Students from the metropolitan Baton Rouge area are no different than those from other parts of our state. Many need scholarships to assist them as they pursue their degrees," said Coutee. "I like to think I'm planting seeds and nurturing seeds for young entrepreneurs and professionals by exposing them to an excellent education opportunity pursued in a family-like atmosphere."

Coutee says his continued involvement with Northwestern is one way of repaying a debt to the university.

"The university gave me much more than a quality education. The atmosphere and environment of Northwestern prepared me for a successful business career," he said. "The community and its people added a positive influence in my life which

fostered hard work, good business ethics, the value and importance of honesty and superior leadership skills. I worked the entire four years of my college career."

Proceeds of the drive will be used to create permanent, endowed scholarships. Once the scholarships are set up, specific criteria will be established. **III**

## Foundation Board welcomes new members

Dr. Steve Horton of Natchitoches and Cheryl Wilson of Wodworth have been appointed to the Northwestern State University Foundation Board.

Horton earned bachelor's degrees in journalism and journalism education from Northwestern. He became an assistant professor of journalism at Northwestern in 1989 and served as student publications adviser from 1994 through 1998.

In 1998, Horton became director of alumni affairs. He held that position until 1999 when he was named head of the Department of Journalism.

Wilson has served as chief operating officer of Rapides Regional Medical Center since 1997. She was interim chief executive officer from Nov. 1998 until March 1999.

Wilson earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's in student personnel services at NSU. She also received a master's in hospital and health care administration from Trinity University.

An active member of the community, Wilson is chairman of the Marketing/Communications Committee for the United Way and is also on their Executive Committee and board. Wilson is vice-chairman of the Central Louisiana American Red Cross Board of Directors and is a member of the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce where she serves on the Education Committee. **III**



Hibernia National Bank has made a contribution of \$60,000 to the Northwestern State University Foundation to create an endowed professorship in banking in NSU's College of Business. The donation will be matched with \$40,000 from the Louisiana Board of Regents' Support Fund. Shown at a luncheon in Shreveport announcing the donation were: Hibernia Senior Vice President Keith Bergeron, Bob Flurry, chairman of the Northern Region, Minnett Thornton, marketing manager for the Northern Region, Area President Harold Turner, NSU Associate Professor of Business Dr. Susan White, Hibernia Avoyelles President Lynn Bordonel and Northwestern Director of Institutional Advancement Tony Gustwick.

## Hibernia endows NSU professorship in banking

The NSU Foundation has received a donation of \$60,000 from Hibernia National Bank to create an endowed professorship in banking in NSU's College of Business. The donation will be matched with \$40,000 from the Louisiana Board of Regents' Support Fund.

"This donation is an important step as the College of Business works to strengthen its national reputation," said Dr. Carroll D. Aby Jr., dean of the College of Business. "Because of Hibernia National Bank's support, we will be able to attract or retain a top faculty member who will be able to prepare our students for the challenges they will face in the job market."

"We believe a professorship in banking is especially critical in order to attract and develop top students who will one day become leaders in the banking field," said Minnett Thornton, marketing manager for Hibernia's Northern Region. "It's an important step for the university and Louisiana's financial services industry."

The Hibernia National Bank Professorship is the sixth endowed professorship established in the College of Business in recent months.

"The business community and private foundations along with alumni and supporters of Northwestern have been very willing to offer support as we have met with them and told them about our future plans," said Aby. "We have attracted bright, capable faculty from around the country who are producing students who meet the needs of business. The proof of the quality of our program is in our graduates who have excelled academically and are undertaking challenging work in a number of fields."

Northwestern's College of Business is accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, a designation held by only one-third of the colleges and universities in the U.S. with business programs.

## Karl and Linda Moore hosted NSU's Pi Kappa Phi reunion in Belgium

Several alumni of NSU's Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity recently convened in the home of Karl and Linda Moore in Brussels, Belgium for a special reunion. Karl (NSU '60 and '74) is an officer of International Paper and as Director of Finance (CFO) for IP's European operations makes his home in Brussels. The alumni who attended graduated from Northwestern between 1958 and 1963 and travelled from Chicago, Smithfield, Va., Dallas, Shreveport, Winnfield and New Orleans to take part. These fraternity brothers have remarkably stayed in contact for 40 years and were able to get together in Brussels after four decades.

Those participating were: Charles Bice, Bill and Mary Ellen (LaCaze) Cook, John Echols, Robert Kelley and Nancy Coleman-Jennings, Mickey and Sylvia (George) Murphy, Karl and Linda (Aiken) Moore, Larry Rice, Charles Varnell and John Wheat. Ronald Knott and his wife along with Billy Paul Plunkett and his wife had planned to be part of the group but were unable to participate because of health and/or business reasons.

The group each had "uniforms" (white shirts emblazoned in purple with Pi Kappa Phi...Brussels 1999) provided by Mike and Sylvia Murphy. The fraternity brothers lived in a fraternity-type situation staying in the Moore's home. Two vans transported them on a busy schedule that included Brussels, Bastogne, the Battle of the Bulge Memorial, the Ardennes Forest, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the American Cemetery, Brugge, Paris, Antwerp, Belgium and Monshau, Germany.

They also spent three days in Normandy touring the beaches used for the D-Day landing and museums. The group arrived at Omaha Beach at the end of the day as the flag was lowered and "Taps" was being played, reminding them of the sacrifices made by those who fought there.

The trip was so successful that they plan to get together later this year in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.



Members of the Pi Kappa Phi alumni group which held a recent reunion in Belgium included (front from left) Larry Rice, Nancy Coleman-Jennings, Sylvia (George) Murphy, Mickey Murphy, Linda (Aiken) Moore, Karl Moore, Mary Ellen (LaCaze) Cook (back from left) John Wheat, Robert Kelley, Charles Bice, Charles Varnell, John Echols and Billy Roy Cook.





## “Common sense renovations” to Northwestern athletic facilities benefit students, alumni

**E**xciting renovations of existing athletic facilities at Northwestern will greatly benefit student-athletes in their academic pursuits, strengthen the Demons' nationally-competitive baseball program and give NSU football fans a top-caliber meeting room a stone's throw from the turf at Turpin Stadium.

The project list, announced by director of athletics Greg Burke, includes:

- an Academic Enhancement Campaign which will provide physical and financial resources designed to provide NSU student-athletes with a higher level of academic support that will serve them well in the new millennium. The centerpiece of the project is converting the existing Purple & White Room in the Athletic Fieldhouse to an Academic Study Center for the 300-plus student-athletes in time for the Fall 2000 semester

- At the same time, the Purple & White Room will be relocated to what now is the visitors' dressing room on the first floor of the fieldhouse, adjacent to the Jack Clayton Plaza. The renovated room will feature a panoramic view of the stadium, perfect for pregame and postgame gatherings in football season and for special events and working functions throughout the year

- After a decade of unprecedented achievement by Northwestern baseball, the foundation will be established to keep the Demon program among the best in the nation. The long discussed Brown-Stroud Field renovation project will begin this spring with completion in time for the 2001 season, providing a covered and expanded grandstand area, featuring chairback seating in premier lower concourse locations ranging from dugout to dugout

- The loyal supporters who enjoy the comfort of the VIP boxes for Demon football games at Turpin Stadium will benefit from the refurbishing of those facilities in time for the 2000 season. It will be the first major upgrade for the VIP boxes since the stadium was opened in 1977.

In addition to the aforementioned projects, the NSU Athletic Association also has generated contributions for the Jack Clayton Plaza/Scholarship project, enhancements in Prather Coliseum, sprinkler systems for women's softball and soccer, storage buildings for baseball and men's/women's track. All told, those projects represent in excess of \$500,000 in improvements to NSU's athletic facilities within a span of 18 months. A lead gift of \$150,000 from NSU alumnus Steve Stroud

and his wife, Lori, provided seed money for the Academic Study Center/Purple and White Room and VIP Box projects.

"These are common sense solutions to pressing needs. The projects will benefit important and very worthwhile people and programs," he said. "These are wise investments in our future."

Foremost on the list is the Academic Enhancement Campaign, with establishing the Academic Study Center the key step. The 2,400-square foot center will include study carrels, one-on-one tutoring rooms, a computer lab with 10 stations, a group study conference room and office space for the Athletic Department

Academic Advisor. The room can serve as many as 80 student-athletes comfortably at any time.

The second step in the campaign is to bolster the Athletic Department's existing scholarship endowment of \$250,000, helping not only to fund annual scholarships but also to provide valuable fifth-year aid for student-athletes who have completed

their eligibility and still lack a semester or two before graduating.

Renovating and improving the grandstand at Brown-Stroud Field is a project first conceived by former Demon coach Jim Wells, who launched NSU baseball on a path hardly anyone could have imagined 10 years ago. Since 1990, Northwestern ranks as the 23rd winningest program in major college baseball, alongside schools such as LSU, Texas, Mississippi State, Miami, Arizona State and Stanford. LSU, Alabama and Nebraska will visit the renovated stadium during the 2001 season. Recruiting and fan comfort will be greatly enhanced, said Burke.

Baseball fans and alumni can support the project by purchasing chairback seats for a one-time donation of \$500 per seat. The donor's name will appear on the back of each chairback seat they purchase.

"Our coaches like to tell their teams that you don't stand still, you either move forward or you fall behind," he said. "These initiatives assure that in some very important ways, we are making significant progress that will benefit each student-athlete in every sport while enhancing facilities to benefit the identity of our university."

For information on how you can contribute to the effort, please contact Burke at (318) 357-5251 or by e-mail at "burkeg@alpha.nsu.edu." **III**







## Class of 1950 Golden Jubilee planned

It was a time of meeting friends at the Rendezvous, dances at the Field House, watermelon parties, walking to town to attend a movie at the Amusu theater, and catching the train in front of the main entry to attend the State Fair game in Shreveport.

Members of the Class of 1950 at Northwestern State College will have the opportunity to reflect on those and other memories when they are honored on their Golden Anniversary.

The Golden Jubilee celebration is being held in conjunction with Northwestern State University's 115th commencement exercises on May 5.

Members of the Golden Jubilee class will enjoy lunch, a bus tour of the city and campus and a reception at the President's house honoring the classes of 1950 and 2000.

At 6 p.m., members of the Class of 1950 will again make the commencement walk to receive their 50-year diplomas.

On Saturday, members of the Class of 1950 will be inducted in the "50-Plus Club", as part of the group's annual luncheon. The luncheon will be held in Vic's in the Friedman Student Union.

Northwestern State University's Alumni Association is looking to update the addresses for several members of the Class of 1950. Any alumnus who knows how to get in touch with anyone appearing on the list of names below, should contact the Alumni Center at (318)357-4414 or (888)799-6486 with the information, or by e-mail at maggioc@alpha.nsula.edu. III

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Mrs. Thomas Hampton  
DeLoach  
Marjorie Graham Doggett  
Richard C. Duggan  
Frances Louise Dulin  
Kathleen Dupree  
Andrew R. Eaton  
Frances Ebarb  
James Buckhannon Edwards  
Hulin D. Elkins  
Thomas R. Erwin  
Laverne R. Evans  
Judith Rose Ferguson  
Sara Gale Fisher  
Leon Roy Ford  
Faye Bryant Galyean  
Kenneth M. Ganey  
Vera A. Gates  
Susan A. Gayle  
Kate Gibbon  
Willis R. Goldsby  
George Hobson Graham, Jr.  
John N. E. Greene  
Patrick Hebert Hampton  
Harrington  
Marcie Frances Harrison  
Kasklena Hays  
Reggie A. Hebert

Richard C. Henderson, Jr.  
Audrey Rachael Hoff  
Ruby Jean Holliman  
Joan Hough  
Virginia Newkirk Houston  
William Jennings  
Palma Gaynell Johnson  
Harold Wayne Jordan  
Jimmie Marie Jordan  
Quentin H. Jordan  
Ann C. Joyner  
Leon W. Kierbow  
Jean Foeller Kingsley  
Basil D. Kolb  
John J. Lacy  
Ada Lee Langston  
Dorothy Ann Lawrence  
Katherine Emma Morgan Leach  
Michael Bernard LeBleu  
Joyce M. Mack  
Bettye Hope Martin  
Emojean O. Mathews  
Jessie A. Maxey  
Alma Byrd McKinney  
William Hood McLeod  
Eddie Eugene Melder  
Ada Gray Merchant  
John Robert Mitchell  
Robert D. Murphy  
Huey F. Nolan  
Milton R. Orendorff  
Quinton T. Orsborn  
Jorge O. Comas Pabon  
Virginia D. Page  
Mary Frances Passman  
Clyde Lewis Patterson

O. H. Patterson  
Clarence Patton  
Wynell L. Peavy  
Efrain Perez Perez  
Lucille Cloutier Pine  
Martha Anna Pixley  
Patricia Ann Powell  
Thurman C. Pullen, Jr.  
Lois Rains  
Iris Jo Reynolds  
Jimmie Faye Riser  
Ranson E. Roth  
Mary Ellen Saxby  
Hansford G. Shannon  
Undine Shows  
Mrs. Julian Cain Shuler  
Lillian A. Sibley  
Mildred Maxine Sibley  
Mamie Mixon Simmons  
Betsy Nina Smith  
George S. Smith  
Miriam E. Sorbert  
Yvonne E. Spencer  
Doyle R. Stephens  
Kathrine Eris Taylor  
Rex H. Taylor  
Ruby M. Tompkins  
Geneva Vivian C. Trammel  
Bernice E. Turner  
Harmon E. Walker  
Mildred Ruth Wells  
Jo Johnson West  
Wyatt J. Westbrook  
Camille Windham  
Hattie Miller Wright  
William Kenneth Yancey

## Roper memorial golf tournament announced



The 18th annual Chris Roper Memorial Golf Tournament, sponsored by the NSU Office of Alumni Affairs and the Department of Health and Human Performance, will be held Saturday, April 29 at the Robert W. Wilson Recreation Complex in Natchitoches.

Lunch will be served at noon, and tee time for the four-man scramble is 1 p.m.

Roper died in a traffic accident over the Christmas holidays in 1982. A native of Camden, Ark., Roper was a senior at Northwestern and the top golfer on the 1981 Demon squad. He was a member of the Trans-American All Conference team, placing ninth in the league tournament.

The fee for the tournament is \$40, which includes lunch. Additional meal tickets can be purchased for \$7 each. Cart rentals are \$7.50 per player.

Tournament proceeds will be used for scholarships in Health and Human Performance.

The tournament is limited to the first 72 golfers. Checks should be made payable to Chris Roper Golf Tournament and should be mailed along with an entry form to Hall Adams, NSU Rec Complex, P.O. Box 5225, Natchitoches, La. 71497. For more information or to request an entry form, call the Recreation Complex at (318) 357-3207. III

# Alumni Events Calendar:

## April

4— 6:30-8:30 P.M. Home of NSU Alumni Dan and Lilly Chase 2750 Windrush Way, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 (225)929-5040 Recruiting Reception

6— 6:30-8:30 P.M. Home of NSU Alumni Jimmy and Rosemary Patterson 2409 Benton Rd., Bossier City, LA 71111 (318)686-9374 Recruiting Reception

11— 6:30-8:30 P.M. Home of NSU Alumni Don and Jane Purser 1512 Maple St., Winnfield, LA 71483 (318)628-5735 Recruiting Reception

13— 6:30-8:30 P.M. Home of NSU Alumni Julian Foy 1490 San Antonio Ave., Many, LA 71449 (318)256-2066 Recruiting/Alumni Reception

27— 6:30-9:30 P.M. Home of NSU Alumni David and Kim Wright 6436 Bermuda Dunes, Plano, TX 75093 (972)306-4967 Dallas Area Alumni Crawfish Boil

29— 8 A.M.-6 P.M. Northwestern Hill Golf Course, Natchitoches, LA 71497 Chris Roper Memorial Golf Tournament

## May

5— 10 A.M.-9 P.M. Northwestern State University Campus, Natchitoches, LA 71497 Golden Jubilee Reunion 1950 Graduates

6— 11:30 A.M. Northwestern State University Student Union, Natchitoches, LA 50+ Graduates Luncheon



McConathy and his wife, Corene, attended in support of the men's basketball team, which is coached by their son, Mike McConathy.

**N**orthwestern alumnus John McConathy (Class of '51, '61) talks with John Brewton (Class of '54) and Harold Wright (Class of '56) during an alumni reception at the University of Texas-Arlington basketball game in Arlington in early February.

**M**ore than 150 Northwestern State University alumni attended a reception held in San Antonio in conjunction with the Texas Music Educators Association's annual conference. Among those attending were Kimberly Curtis (Class of 1996), Nathan Curtis, Steve Lozano (Class of '86) and Tommy Moore (Class of '87).



## 1925

Marie E. Touns is retired and lives in Lockport. She was a teacher/principal for 42 years for the Lafourche Parish System.

## 1932

Mary Bush Bales retired from Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond. She was a health and physical education professor. She has one daughter.

## 1933

Alma Flournoy Rountree taught in Caddo Parish for 5 1/2 years. She worked her way through college by grading papers and working as a chemistry lab assistant. She is currently living in Alexandria and is proud to announce that she has six children, fourteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

## 1937

George Wilkinson Wise Sr. has seven children. He is a retired owner of Wise Dept. Store and Red River Parish Credit Bureau in Coushatta.

## 1939

Nancy Brown Durham worked as a teacher and social worker for the State of Louisiana for 30 years. She is now living in Longmont, Colo.

## 1940

Marjorie Gaunt Morehous taught in Belcher and in Monroe. She also taught history at the University of Tennessee and adult tailoring classes for 13 years while living in London, England. She now lives in Knoxville, Tenn., near her son. Marjorie was also proud to mention her two successful grandsons.

## 1950

Ann Keyes Lee is married and has three children. She lives in Manakin-Sabot, Va.

## 1951

Hershal McConathy is a realtor for Cherry Creek Realty South in Littleton, Colo. He and his wife have two children.

## 1954

Jack Smith received a master's degree from NSU in 1961. He married Geneva Garner Smith who attended Northwestern from 1957-1958. They live in Weatherford, Okla., and have two children. Jack recently retired from Southwestern Oklahoma State University after 46 years in education.

## 1955

Laura Long Marker is a retired 3rd grade teacher. She and her husband live in Houston, Texas, and have two children.

## 1960

Weldon Middleton received a master's degree from NSU in 1980. He married Suzanne Swann Middleton (1959) who received a master's degree from NSU in 1967. They live in Collierville, Tenn., and have three children. Weldon is an exam specialist for Regional Office FDIC in Memphis.

## 1961

Billy Cone received a master's degree from NSU in 1971. He is now retired and living in McCormick, S.C. Billy is married and has two children.

## 1962

James Cannon is retired and lives in Cloutierville. He is married and has five children.





# 1964

Timothy Berry is a trooper/helicopter pilot for the Maryland State Police in Frederick, Md. He lives in Manchester.

# 1965

J. Sue Chance Gardner received a master's degree from NSU in 1969. She is a retired teacher. She and her husband live in Waskom, Texas, and have two children.

Sanfora Hames Hale is an ARNP of psychiatry at the Bay Pines VAMC. She received a master's degree from NSU in 1985. She lives in St. Petersburg, Fla., and has three children.

# 1966

Alvin (Al) Moreau is married and has four children. He is the owner of Moreau Physical Therapy in Zachary. He and his wife live in Baton Rouge.

Juanell Savage Marks is a training consultant/account developer for The Gale Group in Farmington Hills, Mich. She married Clinton Marks (1965). They live in Plano, Texas, where Clinton is employed by EDS as a regional manager. They have one daughter. Juanell and Clinton celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary on Dec. 20th. They are both members of the Prestonwood Baptist Church Chorus, and Clinton sings lead in the world-famous Dallas men's barber-shop chorus, The Vocal Majority.

# 1968

James Dumas is the senior engineer at Lithonia Lighting in Conyers, Ga. He is married and has two children.

## Tom Carleton

### Class of 1967-72



Tom Carleton takes pride in the work he has done not only as chancellor of Bossier Parish Community College but as an educator for more than 30 years. And he attributes that "good work ethic" to the people he met and learned from at Northwestern State College.

"Northwestern instilled in me a sense of determination, a sense of pride in what you do," he said. "Those were some of the best times of my life."

Carleton, like so many other Northwestern students and alumni, was impressed when he visited the campus in the spring of his junior year in high school.

But the next four years flew by, and before he realized it, he was in his cap and gown, "having flashbacks of the past four years. This euphoria had set in ... it was a strange, eerie feeling. I knew there was no way I had been here four years."

He earned his bachelor's degree in social science in 1967 and began teaching history at Airline High School in Bossier City. In 1972, he earned his master's degree from Northwestern.

From 1974 to 1988, Carleton served as an instructor of social studies at Bossier Parish Community College. During the last five years of that time, he also served as dean of the Community Education Department, which oversees non-credit courses. He was named vice chancellor of administrative affairs in 1988 and was named chancellor in 1994.

Under his leadership, BPCC reached its highest enrollment ever, with 4,700 students attending in fall 1994. The control of BPCC was removed from the Bossier Parish School Board, and the

community college now is under the auspices of the newly formed Louisiana Community and Technical College System.

Carleton has also led the college through a successful reaffirmation of accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which will remain in place for 10 years.

His only remaining goal as chancellor of Bossier Parish Community College is to secure a permanent home for the school.

It is due primarily to the values he was taught at Northwestern that Carleton has been able to accomplish all that he has. Dr. Yvonne Phillips, who was head of the Department of Social Science, Dr. Marietta LeBreton and Coach Walter Ledet were a few of the people Carleton credits for his successes.

"I was a mediocre student," he said. "But I had the desire, and I had people who would take the time to work with me. It opened a new horizon for me."

And Carleton said the same can be done for other students like him. "If you've got average intelligence and the desire, you can do it. I'm proof of that."

## 1969

Charlene Wheeler Fowler married William (Bill) Fowler (1969). They have three children. Charlene works as an assistant to her husband. Bill is the owner of Fowler Financial Services in Monroe.

Lelia Kenton Guest received a master's degree from NSU in 1975. She retired from the Bienville Parish School Board in Arcadia as an elementary teacher. She lives in Castor and has seven children.

## 1972

William Erwin Jr. is the president of Professional Communication Services in Monroe. He and his wife have three children.

## 1974

Shirley Snyder lives in Arlington, Texas. She works as the managing attorney for a nonprofit legal civil rights organization, Advocacy Incorporated.

## 1977

Eldridge Jr. is an accountant for the Department of Veterans Affairs and a member of Parkview Baptist Church. Elzie has worked as a commissioner in charge of the polls since 1989 and has been doing taxes with H & R Block since 1999. He and his wife live in Baton Rouge.

Paula Bonnette Nelson is married and has four children. Paula works for the Caddo Parish School Board. She is a curriculum coordinator for Mooringsport Elementary in Shreveport.

## 1978

Cheryl Johnson is an education diagnostician for the Natchitoches Parish School Board and an independent consultant for Mary Kay.

Deborah Campbell Connelly lives in Denver, Colo.

Julio Toro retired from the Louisiana Education System in July of 1999 and is now the principal of San Marcos High School in San Marcos, Texas. Julio is married and has two sons. One of which is currently attending Northwestern.

## 1979

Allen R. (Randy) Bonnette received a master's degree from NSU in 1985. He is a professor at Texas A & M in Kingsville. He and his wife live in Corpus Christi. They have three children.

Arthur Smalley is a field technician for AST Texas, Inc. He married Jan Norman Smalley (1979). They have one child and live in Shreveport where Jan is a customer services supervisor for the U.S. Postal Service.

Grace Wilson Brasher lives in Harahan. She has one child.

## 1981

Donna Elliott Hunt lives in Converse with her husband and two children. She received a master's degree from NSU in 1995 and is now employed by the U.S. Army as chief nurse of the 41st Combat Support Hospital in San Antonio, Texas.

## 1982

Debra Rascoe Lee is married and has three children. She is the supervisor of curricu-

lum and assessment for the Antioch Unified School District in Antioch, Calif.

William Ray is a dispatcher for Kansas City Southern in Shreveport. He lives in Benton, is married, and has two children.

## 1984

Jeffrey (Tree) Ringham is a sales representative for Woodford Plywood in Albany, Ga. He married Gayla Foster Ringham (1984) who is a special education paraprofessional with the Lee County School System. They have one son and are very active at First United Methodist Church in Albany.

Martha Rivera Vega lives in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, where she owns her own laboratory and was recently put in charge of a hospital laboratory.

Priscilla Renee Hughes is married and lives in Juneau, Alaska, where she is self-employed and does volunteer work for various nonprofit organizations.

## 1985

Laurie Weaver Lathan teaches at Donnie Bickham Middle School in Shreveport. She has one child.

Melisa Williams worked at the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency from 1987 to 1995. In 1992, Melisa started writing stories free lance on food and travel and continues to do so today. She is also the director of communications for the Arts Council of greater Kalamazoo and in charge of marketing exhibitions and special projects. Melisa is married and lives in Kalamazoo, Mich.

## 1986

Douglas Ireland is living in Natchitoches. He is director of sports information at Northwestern State University.

Marvin Lewis is the library director at Red River Parish Library in Coushatta. He lives in Converse.

Valerie Palmere Scott is a family nurse practitioner. This past year she opened Basca, Inc., (Vein and Skin Care Associates) in Shreveport. Valerie is married and lives in Bossier City.

## 1987

Lisa Lawson Norton married Grady Norton Jr. (1988). They live in McKinney, Texas, and have two children.

Shawn Wyble and his wife live in Boynton Beach, Fla. He is currently working as an elementary school teacher for Palm Beach County School Board.

## 1988

Jim Goldman lives in Uvalde, Texas, where he is the head baseball coach at Uvalde High School. Jim is married and became a father on September 19 of this past year.

## 1989

Bobby Matt is married, has two children, and lives in Jennings. He is a P.E. teacher/coach for the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board. He works at Lake Arthur High in Lake Arthur.

Charles Pardue is the manager of United Ag Products in Jonesville. He is married and has two children.

Lasonja Bush is a benefits law specialist for the U.S. Department of Labor in Pasadena, Cal. She lives in Compton.

Lillian Gretchen Giering Flores is a photographer and owns Lil' Angels. She and her husband live in River Ridge.

## 1990

Fabian Zeller works for State Farm as superintendent of financial research in Bloomington, Ill. LaWanna Faught is a non-categorical preschool teacher for the Ascension Parish School Board. She teacher at Lake Elementary in Gonzales.

## 1991

Susan Ebarb Rains is married and has two sons. She is a 5th grade math/language arts teacher at Zwolle Intermediate School.

Todd Huddleston is owner and head master of Yonsei Martial Arts Academy in Kenner. He lives in Avondale.

## 1992

Craig Huff is the sports medicine coordinator for McDuffie Regional Medical Center in Thomson, Ga. He and his wife live in Martinez.

Ida Shows Wilkins married Alex Wilkins (1994). They have two children. Ida and Alex own A & I Transmission Clinic in Natchitoches.

Malcolm Rene is employed by TCUL Services as senior auditor. He lives in Houston, Texas.

Raymond Freeman is a buyer for International Paper Company in Pineville. He married Deanna McVay Freeman (1993). They have two children.

Tanya Freeman Billings lives in Natchitoches. She is the site coordinator for



the Space Science Group at Northwestern State University. Tanya married Ronald "Rusty" Billings Jr. (1996). Rusty is an insurance agent with Farm Bureau insurance in Natchitoches.

### 1993

Cheryl Givan Lasource is a RN for the Woman's Hospital Newborn Nursery and a RN consultant for Key Rx. She is married, has three children, and lives in Madison, Miss.

Dawna Gray DeBlieux received a BS from NSU in 1997. She married Dan DeBlieux (1994). They have one child. Dawna is a staff RN in ICU at Natchitoches Parish Hospital, and Dan owns Sport-A-Pak in Natchitoches.

Jamie Rhymes was married in April of 1999. She graduated from law school in 1996 and is now employed as an attorney at Liskow & Lewis APLC in Lafayette.

Janelle Ainsworth Neely is a kindergarten teacher for the Round Rock Independent School District in Austin, Texas. She married Jeff Neely (1993). They have one child.

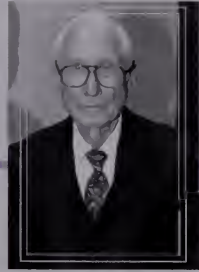
Leonard Williams is currently pursuing a master's degree in higher education administration at the University of New Orleans. He was previously promoted to assistant director of the Office of Career Placement and Cooperative Education at UNO.

Melanie Bond Huff received a master's degree from NSU in 1999. She is a nurse practitioner for Freedman Memorial



## Lawrence Screven Pinckard Jr.

Class of 1944



Time cannot diminish the feelings Lawrence Screven Pinckard Jr. has for Northwestern State University. Pinckard, a resident of Friendship in Bienville Parish, graduated from Northwestern more than 50 years ago, but the love he has for the campus and its people is apparent.

Pinckard recently visited the College of Business to meet with Dr. Carroll D. Aby Jr. and donate a scrapbook filled with items from his time at NSU and life after college. He stays informed about Northwestern and was the oldest alumnus to attend the alumni breakfast sponsored by the College of Business at Homecoming.

"After being here for four years, this is like home," said Pinckard, who earned a degree in business administration. "And when I come back, it's like coming home. I look out and even though Caldwell Hall is gone, the science building and other buildings are gone, this is still Northwestern."

A native of Montgomery, Pinckard graduated from Colfax High School in 1938. At a time before financial aid was easily available for students, Pinckard rode a school bus that ran from Grant Parish to State Normal College each day for a year and a half. He swept floors, worked at the campus dairy barn and did whatever odd jobs he could find to earn money.

During his time on campus, the State Normal College became Northwestern State College. Even though the name changed, one constant remained — a dedicated, student-oriented faculty. Pinckard had the opportunity to study under some of the most honored faculty in the institution's history including Noble Morrison and Eugene Watson, both of whom have buildings at Northwestern named in their honor.

"I had some fine teachers here. They were people who were knowledgeable and did a good job," said Pinckard.

The Northwestern of the early 1940s had about 2,000 students. Pinckard was active in organizations including the Wesley Foundation and the YMCA. He was selected to appear in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* in 1943-44.

"It was a place where everybody knew everybody, especially after you had been here for a little while," he said.

Pinckard graduated in 1944. His college degree helped him immediately and for the rest of his life.

"My education at Northwestern helped me get two jobs on two pipelines as a time checker and equipment checker and keeping records," said Pinckard. "I've always kept record and kept up with things."

Pinckard worked for Gulf Refining Company and began keeping books for a merchant in Heidelberg, Miss., on his days off. In 1946, he moved to Friendship where he went into business with his father-in-law who owned Harvey's Grocery. Pinckard bought the store and renamed it Pinckard's Grocery in 1974. He also owned and operated the S&M Shoe Store in Jonesboro for 14 years and a store in Ringgold for several years.

"My education helped me in buying, selling and keeping records," said Pinckard, who also did income tax returns for about 20 people each year.

Pinckard is active in his church serving as a deacon at Friendship Baptist Church for 50 years, a Sunday school teacher for more than 50 years and church treasurer for a number of years. He also chaired a committee that wrote the first volume of the *History of Bienville Parish* which was published in 1984.

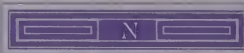
His ability to keep records extends to other areas. A self-described "pack rat," he has put together scrapbooks for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren with mementos from his college days and business career along with some of the poetry and other writings he has done.

Pinckard retired several years ago, but he is not through learning. Over the past few years, Pinckard has become a noted local artist. His work has been sold to patrons in nine states and captured awards at area art contests.

"I always did some doodle drawing. One day some neighbors stopped by the store and encouraged me to go to an art class," said Pinckard. "I took off, bought the supplies and went."

Pinckard concentrates on doing local, familiar scenes which means there will always be a demand for his work.

"I am always starting new projects," he said. "I have to do it to be physically and mentally fit. I don't plan to give up." III



Cardiology Associates in Alexandria. She is married and lives in Bentley.

#### 1994

Alana Mack Bishop is the associate psychologist at the Mississippi State Hospital in Whitfield. She married Robert Bishop (1995). Alana and Robert both received master's degrees from NSU in 1997. They live in Jackson, Miss.

Anna Sepulvado Fletcher is married and lives in Aztec, N.M. She is a fitness aide/aerobics instructor for San Juan College Wellness Center and the assistant activities director for the San Juan Manor Nursing Home in Farmington.

Ginger Gilmore received a master's degree from NSU in 1994. She lives in Northport, Ala. She works for the University of Alabama Athletic Department as the assistant athletic trainer and head baseball trainer.

John Henriquez and his wife live in Brookhaven, Miss. Their first child was born on September 22, 1999.

Lauren Landry lives in Baton Rouge where she is employed by Contractor's Source Inc. as the business development manager.

Laurie Coco lives in Baton Rouge and is engaged to be married. She is the senior accountant for Bank of West Baton Rouge in Port Allen.

Monica Pettiette lives in St. Petersburg, Fla., where she is currently the public relations manager at Goodwill Industries-Suncoast, Inc.

Sarah Kiely received a master's degree from NSU in 1997. She is a psychological specialist and behavioral analyst employed by the Florida Department of Children and Families, North East Florida State Hospital in Macclenny. She lives in Lake City.

#### 1995

Buffy Jensen Wilson lives in Colfax. She is the senior staff CPA of Daenen Henderson & Company, CPA's in Alexandria.

Debi Cost is the senior marketing associate for Paciolan Systems in Long Beach, Calif. She lives in Hermosa Beach.

Felicia Smith Young is married and lives in Shreveport where she is the assistant director of residence life at Centenary College.

Michael Buckley and his wife live in Slidell. They have one child. Michael works for General Electric Supply in Harahan.

#### 1996

Cheryl Monk Menou married F. Michael Menou III (1982). Cheryl is a registered nurse employed by Northwest Rural Home Health and Natchitoches Parish Hospital.

Jennifer Tonglet received a master's degree from NSU in 1999. She teaches at Terrytown Elementary and lives in Harvey.

Shanda Ables lives in Shreveport where she is a labor and delivery nurse at Willis Knighton South.

#### 1997

Charlene Hammett and her husband live in Jamestown. They have

one child. Charlene is a 3rd grade teacher at Riverdale Academy in East Point.

Christi Sims McConnell married Andrew McConnell (1998). They have one child and live in Natchitoches where she is an eligibility examiner for the State of Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support.

Elizabeth Crump Winn is a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, working toward a master's degree in Christian Education and Communications. Elizabeth is also a volunteer at the Waxahachie Crisis Pregnancy Center and a youth worker at First Baptist Waxahachie. She married Wess Winn (1997), and they live in Arlington.

Heather George is a reservation sales agent for Walt Disney World-Disney Cruise Line in Celebration, Fla. She lives in Kissimmee.

Jamie Harris Cochran is married and lives in Lafayette. She is a licensed athletic trainer and works for Opelousas Sports Medicine in Opelousas.

John Dollar is currently a student at Abilene Christian University working on a master's of art and religion. He married Jennifer Bays Dollar (1999). They live in Irving, Texas.

Kini Wassan lives in Denham Springs. He works in Baton Rouge for the LSU Department of Psychology.

Marcus Mebes received a master's degree from NSU in 1997. He is a graphic designer for

Lamar in Baton Rouge.

Tammie Eaves Smith is an eligibility examiner for the Vernon Parish BHSF in Leesville.

Tuan Dang married Myphuong Vo Dang (1995). They live in Harvey. Tuan is employed by Cinergy as a computer consultant.

#### 1998

Alicia Thomas is a conference operations specialist for ARMED-Forces Recreation Centers in Garmisch, Germany.

Angela Young is an executive officer in the U.S. Army stationed in Fort Jackson, S.C. She lives in Columbia.

Christopher Dew lives in Natchitoches. In January, Christopher started student teaching at Pineville High School. He is scheduled to graduate in May 2000 with a master's degree in Education.

Daryl Coleman is a credit manager for Norwest Financial in Ruston.

Elizabeth (Dawn) Ebarb Miller married Michael (Shane) Miller (1996) on July 24, 1999. Elizabeth is director of social services at Lady of the Oaks Retirement Manor in Lafayette. Michael also works in Lafayette as an environmental specialist for The Department of Environmental Quality.

Gina Mahl received a master's degree from NSU in 1999. She lives in Kenner where she is an educational consultant for Discovery Toys.

Gloria Jackson Billings is a teacher's aide for the Vernon Parish School Board in Leesville. She and her

husband live at Fort Polk. They have four children.

Kris Williams works for Aramark (Alamodome) which is where the NBA world champ Spurs play. He lives in San Antonio, Texas.

Lisa Horst Gros teaches 5th and 6th grade math and science at Holy Cross School in New Orleans. Lisa was married on August 13, 1999, and is currently living in Chalmette.

Tamara Johnson lives in Duncanville, Texas. She is the assistant director of the foster grandparent program at Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas.

Zachary Slayton is an exercise specialist employed by Willis Knighton in Shreveport. He and his wife have three children and live in Blanchard.

#### 1999

Andrea Lemoine lives in Metairie. She is employed with ASI Federal Credit Union in Harahan as business development specialist.

Courtney Nelson Johnson is married and lives in Azle, Texas. She is a home economics teacher at Brewer High School in Fort Worth.

Monica Adams Baumgarten teaches 2nd grade for Red River Parish Schools in Coushatta. She married Shawn Baumgarten (1997). They live in Natchitoches.

Rebecca Lloyd lives in Bel Air, Md. She is a research associate with Battelle Edgewood Operations.

Talitha Perkins lives in Baton Rouge. She is attending graduate



school at LSU and plans to graduate in May of 2000. She is currently interning at Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola.

### III

## In Memory



- '29 Lou Simmons, Hackberry, Aug. 25, 1999.
- '34 Belle Moore George, Shreveport, April 1998.
- '36 Fredrick Arthur Ford Jr., Apple Valley, Calif., Jan. 12, 1999.
- '41 Gladys S. Fike, Marshall, Texas, June 7, 1999.
- '41 Ludie Ferguson, Grayson, Dec. 10, 1999.
- '43 Clarence P. Crump, Haynesville, Nov. 13, 1999.
- '49 Howard F. Finley Jr., Houston, Texas, Nov. 2, 1999.
- '49 Mary Ann Gaunt Taggart, Fullertori, Calif., Oct. 13, 1999.
- '50 Billy Ingram, Robeline, Jan. 11, 1997
- '63 Dr. Elaine C. Lynch, Bossier City, Nov. 24, 1999.
- '64 Raymond Arthur, Natchitoches, Nov. 19, 1999
- '76 Angelyn Yates Allison, Tulsa, Okla., May 1, 1999.
- '85 Virginia D. Robertson, Slagle, Dec. 1997.

Meryl Ann (Toni) Sanchez  
Jackson, Baton Rouge, Jan. 23, 2000.

Michele Rice, Pascagoula, Miss., Dec. 28, 1999.

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Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Maiden Last

Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

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Like most successful businessmen, Steve Stroud remembers a turning point which helped the success of his company, Phoenix Gas Liquids in Shreveport.

Appreciative of what that boost did for him and his family, Stroud has provided the Northwestern State University athletic program a "kick start" to its Academic Enhancement Campaign.

The Stroud family—Steve, Lori and their children, Kathryn, Lizzy and Sammie—recently made a lead gift of \$150,000, much of which is designated toward developing a new Academic Study Center for NSU's student-athletes. The new academic center will be located in what originally was the Purple and White Room of the Athletic Fieldhouse. In turn, the former visitors' football dressing room will be converted into the "new" Purple and White Room, which will be renamed, "The Steve and Lori Stroud Hospitality Room."

"I have fond memories of growing up in Natchitoches and being a Demon fan," said Stroud, a 1981 graduate. "And it's even more enjoyable now to share NSU with my family. My kids already are filled with memories of great games and great times. Kathryn still talks about the win over Stephen F. Austin in 1997 ... she has ticket stubs and newspaper clippings!"

Stroud, who started his company in 1987, has been an avid fan, NSU Athletic Association contributor and season ticket holder through the years.



"Steve Stroud and his family are greatly appreciated for their generosity and for making a gift which will provide the impetus for a successful Academic Enhancement Campaign," said Greg Burke, NSU's Director of Athletics.

In addition to the renovation project, the campaign also will focus on endowing athletic scholarships. NSU awards scholarships to more than 230 student-athletes annually at a cost of nearly \$1 million each year.

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